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2. Information Disclosure Statement (1 page)
3. Information Disclosure Citation (1 page)
4. References (2)

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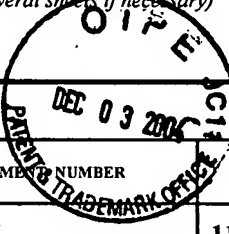
Copies of each of the non-U.S. references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are enclosed herewith.

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